



## USS *Klickitat*, AOG-64

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A river in Washington State.

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Builder: East Coast Shipyard, Bayonne, New Jersey

Length: 220' 6"

Beam: 37'

Draft: 17'

Displacement: 2,270 (fl)

Commissioned: 14 July 1945

Decommissioned: 23 January 1946

Disposition: Sold

Machinery: 720 hp diesel direct drive; single propeller

Top Speed: 10 knots

Complement: 62

Armament: 1 3"/50; 2 x 40mm; 3 x 20mm

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### **HISTORY:**

The USS *Klickitat* was a *Klickitat*-Class gasoline tanker. She was launched 24 March 1945, by St. John's River Shipbuilding Corp., Jacksonville, Fla., under a Maritime Commission contract; sponsored by Mrs. I. B. McDaniel; acquired by the Navy and commissioned 14 July, Lt. M. J. Seibert, USCG, in command.

Departing Jacksonville 28 July, *Klickitat* arrived Hampton Roads, Va., 31 July. After shakedown in the Chesapeake Bay, the gasoline tanker proceeded on 23 August for Rockland, Maine, arriving the 26th. She returned to Norfolk 3 September and departed 23 November with *MicMffamme* (AOO-65) for Houston, Tex. Arriving 2 December, she loaded a cargo of diesel oil, sailed 3 December for the East Coast, and arrived Norfolk 12 December. Remaining at Norfolk, *Klickitat* decommissioned 23 January 1946 and was returned to the Maritime Commission 24 January. Her name was struck from the Navy List 7 February 1946. Following merchant service as SS *Captain*, she was acquired in 1949 by the Argentine Navy and renamed *Punta Loyola*.

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## Sources:

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